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Majority prices in the West and East were slightly lower, but generally unchanged in the Midwest when compared to a week earlier. Trade sentiment was irregular but in a full range of steady to weak. Retail and food service demand was only fair for early week business. Offerings were often adequate to available. In the parts structure, trading was quiet and reported as slow and disappointing. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights. Deliveries were being hampered in South Florida due to the hurricane.

Final Report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of 24-OCT-2005.

(cents per lb)		US GRADE A		COMPOSITE	
AREAS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Boston/New England	TFEWR		:	63.56	26
Chicago	60.00-63.00	62.99	40 :	64.61	70
Ohio Cities	TFEWR		:	58.87	28
Denver	80.50	80.27	15 :	80.50	16
Detroit	62.00-64.00	63.40	10 :	67.56	53
Los Angeles	81.00	79.75	56 :	73.44	144
New York	62.00-65.00	63.48	23 :	66.70	67
Philadelphia	61.50-63.00	62.36	11 :	63.02	23
Pittsburgh	61.00-64.00	62.73	11 :	68.63	57
St. Louis	62.50-62.75	62.00	20 :	63.11	35
San Francisco	81.50	80.92	33 :	79.15	75

Composite Weighted Average

Loads	10/24/05	Change/Last Wk	10/17/05	10/25/04
594	68.69	-.12	68.81	68.01

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	Majority	Wtd Avg	Loads
Eastern	66.00-68.00	67.67	39
Central	49.00-70.50	67.00	64
Western	56.00-72.00	69.32	35

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	72.00-75.00	73.57	89
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GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 74.25 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,112	60.00-74.75	73.01

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:

	WTD AVG	VOLUME
LINE RUN TENDERS	163.50	1,513
BREASTS - B/S	133.50	6,403
BREASTS - WHOLE	78.00	1,560
THIGH MEAT - B/S	132.50	1,061
LEG QUARTERS	47.50	8,484
WINGS	87.50	3,073

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NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light to fair at best entering the week as dealers kept floor stocks in close balance with anticipated needs. Offerings of all sizes were available and competitively priced to stimulate additional interest. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light. The market tone was barely steady. In the parts complex, breast items and tenderloins were readily available and slow in clearing. Dark meat cuts were at least adequate to instances ample. Wings were at least sufficient.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was no better than steady for early week business. Demand was only fair with buyers purchases for immediate fill in needs. Supplies of all sizes were at least sufficient to satisfy trade requirements. In the parts structure, trading remains slow and disappointing. Supplies of most items were in a better position than late last week but still in a range of adequate to available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights. Some deliveries were being delayed or not being made in south Florida due to the hurricane.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices were 1 cent lower through the region. Reported trading for this weeks' delivery were at mainly lower prices. Offerings were mixed, adequate to ample, for full trade needs. Buying activity was moderate at best as interest trends towards approaching holiday needs. Retailer demand was moderate, best where promotions planned. Dealers reported moderate weekend carryovers. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was down .03 to 61.93, and the volume reported at 27 loads was up 4 percent.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Final majority prices were unchanged to lower from prior Monday's final; Ohio cities TFEWR. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was about steady to weak. Current offerings fully adequate and received little trade call. Movement into retail and food service was light to fair, instances moderate to fairly good into sports bars and casual dining. Floor stocks were in balance to long; weights desirable to heavy. Parts offerings were fully adequate, generally discounted on light buyer interest. The market tone was steady to weak on wings and barely steady to weak on all other parts.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready to cook whole birds was fair for early week business, but still not up to expectations. Offerings were adequate for trade needs. Live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were one cent lower at 63 to 75 cents. In the parts complex, offerings were irregular but usually in a range of balanced to available on most items.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
RANGE	59-82
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A)Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was noted as light to no better than fair as dealers limited orders to regular commitments. Offerings of breast items and tenderloins were fully adequate to ample and often discounted to stimulate additional interest. Dark meat cuts were available. Wings were at least adequate for current needs. Retail and distributive movement was light. The market tone continued barely steady to weak.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	CURRENT NEGOTIATED TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S	115	111.06	561,600
TENDERLOINS	105-110	118.21	153,090
BREAST - WITH RIBS	62-63	77.32	45,160
BREAST - LINE RUN	62	60.16	139,240
LEGS	58-59	58.05	110,800
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	41-42	45.28	219,400
DRUMSTICKS	44-45	48.30	100,600
THIGHS	52-53	62.48	57,960
B/S THIGHS	114-115	120.01	89,680
WINGS (WHOLE)	84-85	88.40	187,738
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.40	8,720
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	54.29	9,807
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	75.07	14,160

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY WT.	AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,985	92.00-146.00	100-110	108.39
TENDERLOINS	363	90.00-164.00	-	100.23
BREAST - WITH RIBS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	1,137	37.00-46.00	38-40	39.42
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,847	39.00-48.00	41-43	41.03
WINGS (WHOLE)	492	67.00-91.00	82-84	82.91
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	1,259	40.00-44.00	43-44	43.60

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	Estimate (1,000)	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wts	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wts
	10/24	10/20	10/20	10/17	10/13
Alabama	4,123	4,041	5.34	4,027	5.31
Arkansas	5,428	5,361	5.21	5,347	5.31
Delmarva	2,287	2,307	5.63	1,974	5.76
KY-LA-TN	2,277	2,263	5.09	2,138	4.99
Mississippi	2,774	2,741	5.63	2,770	5.64
North Carolina	2,551	2,479	6.51	2,448	6.54
Texas	2,495	2,515	5.16	2,542	5.31
Total	21,935	21,707	5.46	21,246	5.51
Mon	21,935(A)			21,246(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 24-Oct 2005 is estimated to be 32,817,000 up 2.93 percent from a week ago, and up 3.0 percent from a year ago.

(last week 31,882,000 last year 31,859,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	651	88.00-167.00	-	105.95
TENDERLOINS	253	94.00-170.00	95-100	102.09
BREAST - LINE RUN	136	65.00-80.00	-	70.03
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	208	52.00-70.00	53-55	54.71
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	619	35.00-46.00	40-41	40.12
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,141	38.00-48.00	42-43	42.05
WINGS (WHOLE)	299	78.00-85.00	80-82	81.51
WINGS (CUT)	240	95.00-102.00	97-99	98.98
DRUMSTICKS	67	38.00-70.00	-	41.38
THIGHS	67	44.00-70.00	-	46.15
B/S THIGHS	84	105.00-140.00	-	108.81

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR OCT 24, 2005 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
40.00 - 49.00	45.06	45.72

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 24-OCT-2005 TO 28-OCT-2005, CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	90.00 - 121.00	103.00 - 118.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	56.00 - 88.00	63.00 - 68.00
LEGS	47.00 - 64.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	36.00 - 50.00	36.00 - 44.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	42.00 - 52.00	42.00 - 45.00
DRUMSTICKS	32.00 - 52.00	-
THIGHS	44.00 - 51.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	63.00 - 89.00	82.00 - 86.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 23.00	-
LIVERS	30.00 - 50.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 70.00	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	91.75-103.75
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	90.25-106.25

FROZEN HENS 5# & UP

FROZEN DUCKS

FROZEN SQUABS

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

FRESH FRYERS	97-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP	99-107
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	65-73

DUCKS

RABBITS-WHOLE

RABBITS-CUT UP

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK 108
	ICE PACK 105-107
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK 111-112
	ICE PACK 108-112
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK 95-105
	ICE PACK 93-95
DUCKS	180-192

EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

OCTOBER 21, 2005				
<u>CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED</u>		<u>PRICES</u>		<u>VOLUME</u>
(Cents per Pound)				
FAT				
CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	18.00	19.00-20.00	596,000	156,000
WTD AVERAGE	18.00	19.55		
15-20%				
RANGE	16.00-21.00	13.00-19.00	2,636,000	1,196,000
WTD AVERAGE	17.17	15.72		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	14.00	80,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		14.00		

* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

OCTOBER 21, 2005				
<u>CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED</u>		PRICES		VOLUME
(Cents per Pound)				
FAT				
CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	22.00	81,600	-
WTD AVERAGE		22.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	17.00-18.00	14.00-22.00	1,256,163	440,963
WTD AVERAGE	17.83	16.82		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was no better than fair for the mostly adequate offerings. Processing schedules were noted as normal. Sales of finished product were more than sufficient for current needs. The undertone was steady to about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 24-OCT-05

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9.75-15.50	12-13	12.67
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading levels were lower than a week earlier. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were seasonally active. Schedules were as desired. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 24-OCT-05

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9.25-15.5	11.75-13	12.38

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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